

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as indicated in the attached substitute specification.

### In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 2.

Please amend the claims as follows.

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the communication network is a broadband communication network, and whereby the quality of service parameter is the band width made available.

4. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising selecting a service provider depending on a quality of service demanded by a service user.

5. (Amended) An apparatus for negotiating connection parameters in an intelligent communication network, comprising:

a storage device for storing connection parameters about connections and service providers;

a first unit for evaluating the service call; and

a second unit for forwarding the modifies service call to the service provider.

Please add the following new claims.

6. (New) A method in an intelligent communications network for the negotiation of connection parameters between at least one communications terminal and at least one communications server, comprising:

implementing the negotiation of quality of service parameters before setup of a connection with a dedicated network element which differs from the communications server;

transmitting a service request from the communications terminal to the communications server to the network element via an exchange;

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entering an address of the service provider and the quality of service parameters of the connection into a data structure pertaining to the service request by the network element; and communicating the quality of service parameters for the connection setup to the communication server.

7. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein when a new service is setup in the communications network, values of the quality of service parameters are communicated to the network element and stored therein.

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**In the Abstract:**

Please replace the abstract with the new abstract attached herewith.

**In the Drawings:**

Please amend the drawings according to the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections filed herewith.